

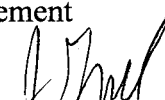
REPORT

DATE: February 2, 2006

TO: Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

FROM: Jessica Kirchner, Associate Regional Planner, (213)236-1983, kirchner@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Riverside County TCM Replacement

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Riverside County TCM Substitution in the 2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) subject to a 30-day public review and comment period.

SUMMARY:

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) is submitting a request on behalf of the City of Corona for the replacement of a Transportation Control Measure (TCM). The procurement of three expansion buses (RTIP ID: RIV010511) for Corona's fixed-route bus way is delayed due to lack of demand on the current route. Based on City of Corona projections, it is anticipated that demand will not be sufficient to warrant the proposed expansion for another three to five years. Therefore, RCTC is proposing a 60 space park-and-ride lot in the City of Corona as a replacement for this TCM. The proposed park and ride will be operational in early 2006. Based on demand information provided by RCTC and SCAG's emissions analysis, SCAG has determined that the proposed park-and-ride lot will provide adequate emissions benefits to replace the existing TCM. In addition, the proposed replacement meets the requirements for a TCM replacement.

This item is scheduled to go to the Regional Council for adoption on March 2, 2006. The public review period ends on March 1, 2006; comments received will be incorporated in the final staff report at that time.

BACKGROUND:

The 2004 RTIP included project ID RIV010511 which consisted of three expansion buses for the City of Corona fixed-route bus way (Green Line). This project is a TCM and has a completion date in the 2004 RTIP of December 31, 2006. Due to insufficient ridership on the Green Line, the City of Corona does not see the need to expand service for another three to five years. Therefore, it is necessary to replace the TCM.

The proposed TCM replacement includes leasing a 60 space park-and-ride lot in the City of Corona. The park-and-ride would primarily serve local residents car or bus-pooling in or out of Riverside County. The emissions analysis below demonstrates the benefits of the proposed TCM replacement as compared to the existing three bus procurement.

ANALYSIS

Three Expansion Vehicles

The average Green Line trip length would be 3.03 miles with approximately 12,634 trips.

Carpool/Vanpool Park and Ride (60 spaces)



REPORT

The average trip length would be approximately 24.5 miles (assuming Corona to Orange County) with approximately 22,656 trips.

VMT/Emissions Reductions (pounds per year)

	VMT	ROG	CO	NO _x	PM ₁₀
Green Line (3 bus procurement)	38,281	41.2	395.5	84.8	4.1
Park and Ride	555,072	597.6	5735.1	1229.7	59.0

Based on SCAG's analysis, the proposed park-and-ride would provide significantly greater emissions reductions.

TCM REPLACEMENT SUMMARY

Interagency Consultation. Interagency consultation occurred at SCAG's publicly noticed Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting on December 20, 2005.

Equivalent Emissions Reduction. As demonstrated, the proposed TCM replacement provides for significantly more emissions reductions than the original TCM.

Similar Geographic Area. Both projects are located within the City of Corona and would primarily serve Corona residents.

Full Funding. The proposed project will be funded with local Measure A funds to support, implement and maintain the park-and-ride.

Similar Time Frame. The proposed project will be operational by December 2006, the proposed completion date of the original TCM.

Timely Implementation. The replacement project will be monitored through TCM Timely Implementation Reports that SCAG submits to the federal agencies (FHWA).

Legal Authority. RCTC has full legal authority to implement and operate the replacement project.

SCAG Review and Adoption. After Committee approval, the replacement TCM will be presented to SCAG's Regional Council for adoption.

Implementation Commitment. After approval by the Regional Council, the replacement project will be added to the RTIP through an administrative amendment.

Attachment: Riverside County request for replacement and supporting documentation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for air quality and conformity analysis are included in the FY 05/06 Overall Work Program.

RCTC Corona Park-and-Ride TCM Substitution Request for Corona's 3 Expansion Buses



Corona Criuser Summary Passenger Trips				
Fiscal Year	Passenger Trips	Annual Change %	Fixed Route Lines	Notes
FY 2001*	13,560	N/A	Green & Blue Lines	While Corona's passenger trips have continued to increase, the annual net growth rate from year to year has not sustained the previous year growth changes indicating ridership is clsing in on demand saturation. In FY 2003, Corona discontinued the Green line due to poor performance and replaced it with the better performing Red line.
FY 2002	43,356	219.73%	Green & Blue Lines	
FY 2003	102,687	136.85%	Red and Blue Lines	
FY 2004	142,062	38.34%	Red and Blue Lines	
FY 2005	162,423	14.33%	Red and Blue Lines	
FY 2006*	150,628	-7.26%	Red and Blue Lines	
* FY 01 initiated service and was provided for only 5 months. Extrapolating service over full 12 months would equal about 32,544 trips. The net change between FY 01 and 02 would then only be 33.22% growth.				
* FY 06 trips are a 12 month projection based on 5 months of actual trip data.				

Corona Criuser Passenger Trips by Corresponding Line					
Fiscal Year	Corona Criuser Passenger Trips by Line			Total	Notes
	Blue Line	Green Line	Red Line		
FY 2001*	10,305	3,255	N/A	13,560	In FY 2003, Corona discontinued the Green line due to poor performance and replaced it with the Red line. The FY 2002 passenger trips supported the Green line being discontinued because it would have performed at less than 25% of the performance needed to meet the fare box ratio.
FY 2002	30,722	12,634	N/A	43,356	
FY 2003	37,445	N/A	65,242	102,687	
FY 2004	48,412	N/A	93,650	142,062	
FY 2005	66,603	N/A	95,820	162,423	
* FY 2001 initated service and provided service for 5 months for this year					

Summary of Line Changes:

1. Corona's original plan was to initiate 3 lines of service (Blue, Green and Red lines)
2. Corona initiated Phase 1 of service in FY 2001 by implementing the Blue and Green lines.
3. Three expansion buses were estimated to be needed for the third line.
4. Over a 17 month period the Green line performed poorly resulting in it being discontinued in FY 2003.
5. Corona implemented the Red line in FY 2003.
6. Working with RTA, RTA modified their routes to add service which over time also negated a further need for Corona to implement a third line and purchase the three expansion buses.
7. In 2003 Corona had three lines of fixed route transit service. As of 2005, there are now 6: 2 by Corona and 4 by RTA.

TCM Substitution Benefits Analysis:

Green line passenger trips saved from SOV use = **12,634** (based on the 2001 actual trip data)

Passenger trips antcipated to be saved by the Corona Park-and-Ride lot (at 1114 W. Ontario Ave) are as follows:
 Number of spaces = 60. Projected use =80% (or 48 spaces). Number of days spaces will be used 5 days/week (business work days). Each space occupied = 2 passenger trips saved
 5 work days/week x 52 weeks = 260 days. Subtract 24 days for holidays and vacations = 236 days.

48 spaces x 236 days x 2 passenger trips = 22,656 passenger trips saved from the park-and-ride lot as compared to 12,634 from 3 buses for the Green line.

Corona Cruiser Red and Blude Line Fixed Route Vehicle Inventory

Year	Manufacturer	Model	Seats	Vehicle
1998	Goshen	Sentry	18	1
1998	Goshen	Sentry	18	1
1999	Goshen	Sentry	18	1
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Total Number of Vehicles:				5

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City of Corona Proposed Cruiser Routes Effective July 1, 2002



Transportation Information Numbers

Riverside Transit Agency

1-800-800-7821

Norco Dial-A-Ride

1-800-795-7887

Corona Cruiser

909-734-9418

Corona Dial-A-Ride

909-734-7220

Metrolink Trains

1-800-371-LINK (5465)

1-800-698-4833 (4 TOD)

Inland Empire Commuter Services
Advantage Rideshare

909-341-9230

Club Ride Commuter Exchange

1-800-464-3576

Commuter Connection

1-800-COMMUTE (1-800-266-8883)

1-800-975-POOL (1-800-975-7865)



Park and Ride Lots



Proposed Park and Ride



Metrolink Station



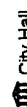
Proposed Metrolink Station
Completion December 2002



Proposed Red Route

Proposed Blue Route

BNSF Railroad



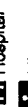
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City of Corona Existing Cruiser Routes



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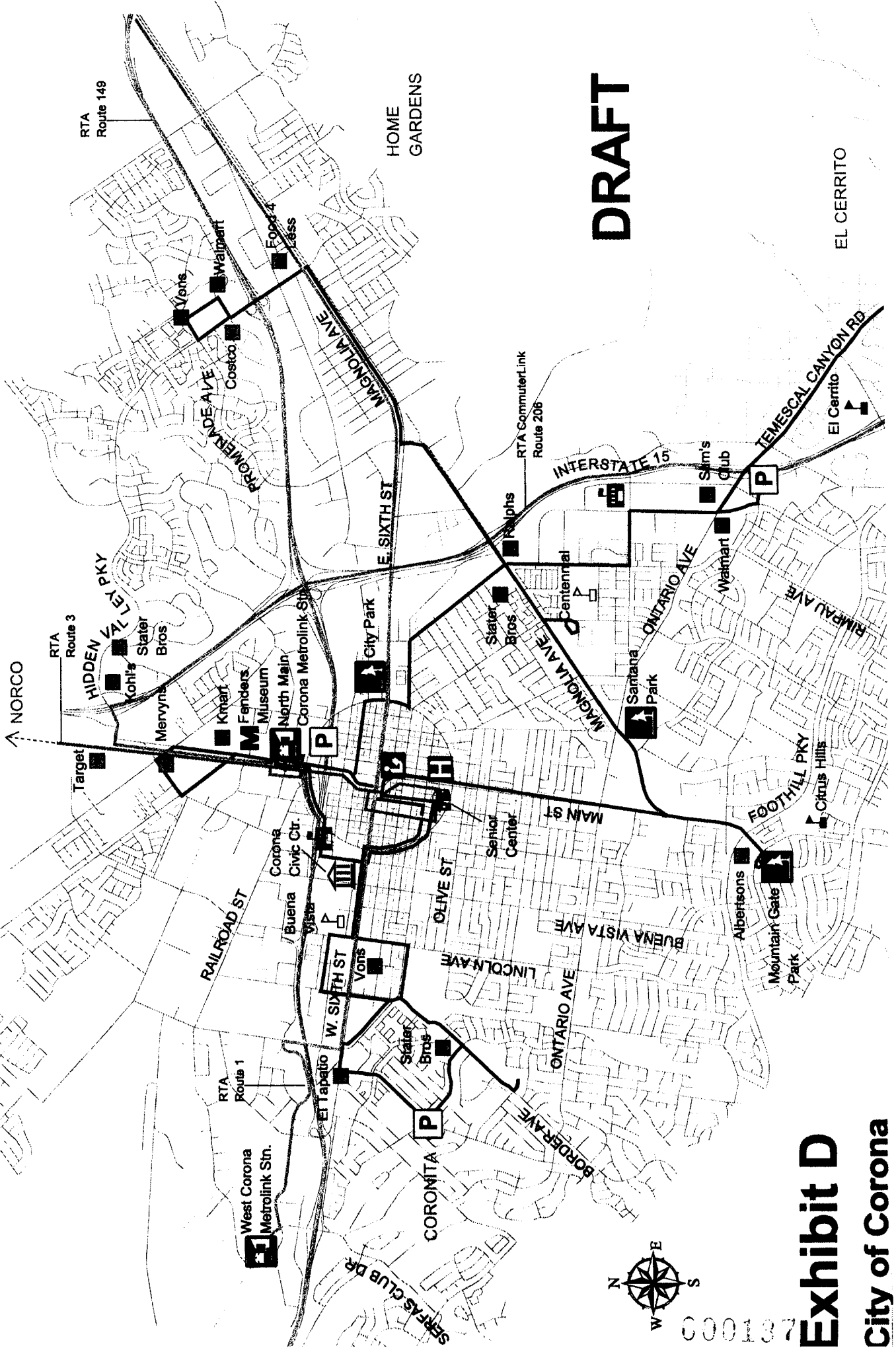
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November 30, 2005

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Re: RCTC TCM Project Substitution Request for the City of Corona

Dear Sylvia:

RCTC is submitting a TCM project substitution request on behalf of the City of Corona for their existing three expansion bus procurement project (RTIP ID RIV010511). The project has been delayed due to insufficient ridership demand to implement a new third fixed route in the City of Corona. Corona's present demand analysis indicates that ridership for a third route may not materialize for another three to five years. When sufficient and sustained ridership becomes evident, Corona will again move forward to implement a third route. The three expansion buses will then be added to their Short Range Transit Plan and funding via 5307, TDA4, or other funds will be made available to procure the buses.

As a suitable substitute, we are submitting a new 60 space park-and-ride lot that will be implemented in the City of Corona during early 2006. RCTC requests that SCAG staff evaluate the park-and-ride lot benefits as a TCM substitute for Corona's three bus procurement project.

Presently, the park-and-ride lot is not programmed in the 2004 RTIP. RCTC will use local Measure A funds to support, implement, and maintain the new park-and-ride lot. The location of the park-and-ride lot is in the Corona area and will provide direct benefits to Corona residents. Please direct any questions concerning this request to Shirley Medina or Ken Lobeck at (951) 787-7141.

Sincerely,

Cathy Bechtel
Division Head, Planning

cc: Jessica Kirchner

Attachments:

1. RIV010511 RTIP TIP Sheet
2. TCM Substitution Overview

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

2006 Federal TIP (FY 2006/2007 - 2011/2012)

Print Date: 11/23/20

Final County Tip

SORT: BY SOURCE

Project ID RIV010511

PROJECT REPORT

All Transit
County: All

System T		Lead Agency CORONA		Amend # 0
Route 0		Source/FTIP 06FTIP		Basin SCAB
Post Mile 0.00		Env. Doc. CE	___/___/___	Model # T317
to 0.00		TCM Y		Change Reason C/O 2004
Element 2		County RIVERSIDE		Completion Date 12/31/06
Program BUN93	Description:			
Yr Added 2001	CITY OF CORONA -- PURCHASE 3 EXPANSION VEHICLES FOR A NEW (THIRD) FIXED ROUTE			
FTA	Fund Name	YEAR	Eng. Cost	R/W Cost Cons. Cost
	5307	2005/2006	420	
				Fund Total
				Subtotal
			\$420	\$420
LOCAL	TDA4	2005/2006	87	
				Subtotal
			\$87	\$87
			\$0	\$0
			\$507	\$507
			Total Cost:	\$507

(Funds are in thousands of dollars)

Comments:

C/O 2002 RTIP. Frequency/headways = Approx 50 minutes. Bus stops = 90, Fares: Regular=\$1.00, Students=\$0.75, Seniors/Disabled=\$0.50



TCM Substitution Overview

Existing RTIP TCM Project

RTIP ID: RIV010511
Lead Agency: City of Corona
Description: Purchase 3 Expansion Vehicles for a New (Third) Fixed Route
Proposed Vehicles: 16-18 passenger medium sized buses

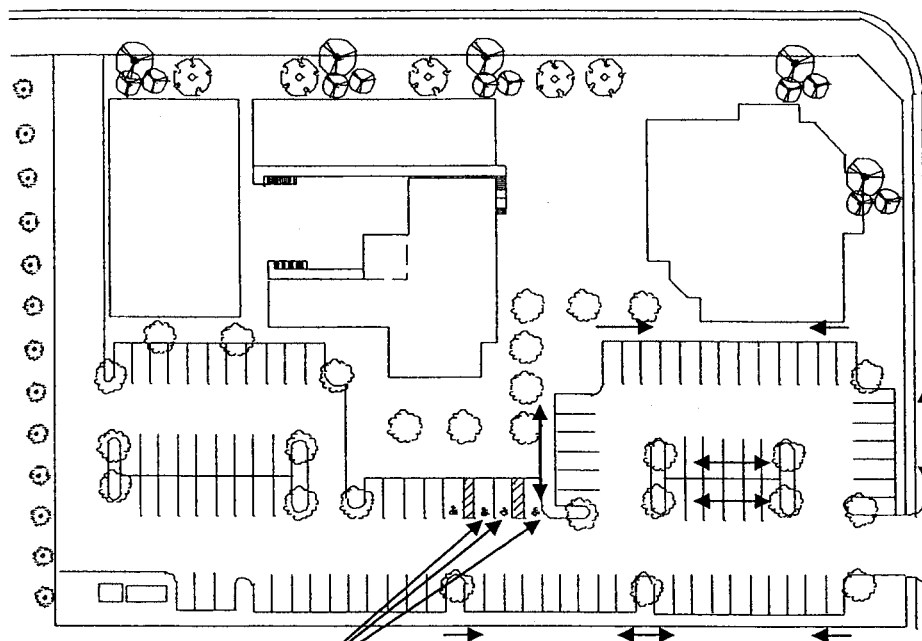
Project Status: During development of the recent FY 06 Short Range Transit Plan, Corona staff provided RCTC a status update that their latest ridership projections did not support a third line expansion and warrant the procurement of the three expansion vehicles at this time.

Proposed Substitution Project

Project: Park and Ride Lot
Lead Agency: RCTC
Location: Faith Bible Church
1114 W. Ontario Ave, Corona CA,
Spaces: 60 spaces
Projected Use: 80-90%
Users: Car pools and van pools originating from the Corona area
Implementation Date: By about February 2006
Status: Completing lease agreement
In RTIP: No
RTP Consistency: Yes. Reference Commuter Assistance line item in the 2004 RTP, page I-161, "RCTC Commuter Assistance Program; Rideshare and Other Incentive Programs, TDM (Telecommute, Park and Ride, etc.)"

Signs to be installed by Caltrans:

- 5- Park & Ride signs with double arrows
- 2- Park & Ride signs with left arrows
- 2- Park & Ride signs with right arrows



Existing Handicapped signs

Park and Ride signs

